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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6209**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 45**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 2, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 2, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Technology Training Grants for State Employees.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Ford

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes a technology grant program for certain state employees. The bill includes training in assistive and accessibility technologies to assist those with disabilities in the technology training available.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) Under this provision, the director of the State Department of Personnel would establish and administer a grant program to provide technology training for state employees without a background in information technology or in assistive technologies to assist person with disabilities. It is presumed that the Department could administer the program using existing staff. The bill does not contain an appropriation.

Employees who receive a training grant would be required to agree to work for the state for at least two years upon completing the technology training. Employees separating from employment prior to the end of the two-year agreement would be required to repay the state for the training on a prorated basis.

*Background Information:* The Department of Administration, through its Division of Information Technology, currently facilitates and arranges various levels of technological training for state employees. Training costs are typically paid directly by the trainee or by the state agency for which he or she works.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Personnel.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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